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Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting Parks to Speak

The annual Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc. general membership meeting will be held at the Kaw Mission State Historic Site at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2010. The general public is welcome to attend. A brief business meeting will include reports by president Barbara Stanbrough, treasurer Lynda Poston, secretary/membership chair Dee Gieswein, Kaw Nation representative/Allegawaho Heritage Memorial Park Development Director Crystal Douglas and Kaw Mission site administrator Mary Honeyman. Volunteers will be recognized for service to the organization.

Following the meeting, Ron Parks will present *Won't Give Up the Chase*, a presentation in which he surveys the Kanza annual buffalo hunts 1858-1873. Many factors determined whether the hunts were successful, including the weather, prairie fires, hostile tribes, white settlement, U. S. government policy, health of the tribe's pony herd, and erratic buffalo migrations. Each year's hunt had an enormous impact on the physical and psychological well being of the tribe. Parks, former site administrator at Kaw Mission, will share the results of recent research uncovering information new to the Kaw and to our community. If you have been following Parks' articles in his column in the *Council Grove Republican*, you will want to join us for this opportunity to learn more. Please bring questions and/or information to share with Parks.

This special event is co-sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc., (FKH). FKH board members and volunteers will serve refreshments following the presentation. The event is free and open to the public with no charge for refreshments. For additional information, contact the Kaw Mission State Historic Site at 620-767-5410, e-mail – kawmission@kshs.org, or visit our website www.kawmission.org.

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